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A geek-gasmic gathering

"Agents of The Shield" and "Doctor Who" stars headline Long Beach Comic Con over the weekend.

By Yasmin Cortez
Staff Writer

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Above, Spider-man finds his "Amazing Spider-Man" comic book after scavenging through the different assortment of vintage comics. Below, the green power ranger and Super Robot Chogokin Megazord from Mighty Morphin Power Rangers power pose at Long Beach Comic Con on Sunday.

Viviana Ramos | Daily 49er

The scenes were surreal: John Snow eating a burrito on the floor, a "Jurassic Park" tour vehicle driving down the freeway and a women's restroom filled with "Justice League characters." Fiction came to life this weekend at the annual 2015 Long Beach Comic Convention.

CSULB alumni and "Boy Meets World" co-star Maitland Ward was showcasing her Star Wars-themed Slave Leia cosplay along with poison ivy, Vampirella and Aeon Flux.

"It's a real hometown feel; it's my hometown," she said. "You can really talk to people and it's not a massive group and you can have personal conversations and interactions with them. It's big enough but it's not too big and that's the main thing."

The exhibition hall had designated sections geared towards different interests. Cosplay Corner, Artists Alley, Animation Land and Funny Book Fest were some of the popular options that were overflowing with veteran con-goers and curious first-timers.

One of the most anticipated events, a Q & A with actor John Barrowman who has appeared in "Doctor Who," "Arrow" and "Torchwood," took place on day two of the convention. He said this was his first time attending the Long Beach Comic Con and took an overnight flight to get there.

Barrowman picked audience members at random to ask their choice of question ranging from his favorite episodes and characters to more serious questions asking if Captain Jack Harkness is to return to a future season of "Doctor Who."

The answer? Although he'd love to reprise the role, he couldn't confirm anything.

Ventura-native Veronica Swarens was the first to be picked by Barrowman and asked what one sentence of advice he'd give to the LGBT community.

Barrowman answer: Stay true to yourself.

"I was surprised. I didn't expect to be the first one [to ask a question]. I actually practiced that question all night, I was nervous but it was worth it," Swarens said.

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Defending duties

The new public defender will be in charge of representing CSULB students against disciplinary action.

By Valerie Osier
Staff Writer

Being the resident assistant for the Los Alamitos dorm will no longer be junior political science major Yasmeen Gardner's only job on campus.

Associated Students, Inc. executives voted Wednesday to make Gardner the new public defender for students.

According to ASI bylaws, a public defender is responsible for defending any CSULB student against disciplinary action brought by ASI, as well as calling to attention any unfair practices that may exist on campus.

Gardner

"I'm going to be talking to people and telling them, 'This is [what] a public defender [is], can you use my help?'" Gardner said.

Gardner will also have the power to subpoena any student to appear in court and work with students looking to impeach ASI officials.

"For myself, I always have to keep in mind that what I'm doing is never a personal vendetta against them," Gardner said. "I think that that's what's going to

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Goodell no good

With NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell, his ends do not justify his means.

By Emilio Aldea
Design Editor

COLUMN

Roger Goodell is the worst commissioner in North American sports.

Goodell has one job: protect the National Football League and its owners. His job is not to make the players happy; his job is to make the owners of the league's team even more absurdly rich than they already are.

When you more severely discipline someone who "was generally aware of wrongdoing" (Tom Brady, 4 games) than someone who punched their fiancée so hard that they couldn't function cognitively for several minutes (Ray Rice, 2 games), you have a problem.

It's easy to criticize Goodell for his ham-fisted punishments and hypocritical grandstanding, but if he's doing things that are in the best interest of the owner's financial situations, like negotiating extremely favorable television contracts, can you really be mad at him?

You can't.

However, if Goodell's lack of understanding interferes with the way that fans enjoy NFL games, that's a problem.

Suspending Tom Brady for four games on the basis of being generally aware of wrong-doing and a lack of understanding of the Ideal Gas Law, on the NFL's part, is absurd. Depriving NFL fans of seeing arguably the greatest quarterback in league history in what is likely one his last few seasons in the league because he wouldn't let the commissioner look at his cell phone is ridiculous.

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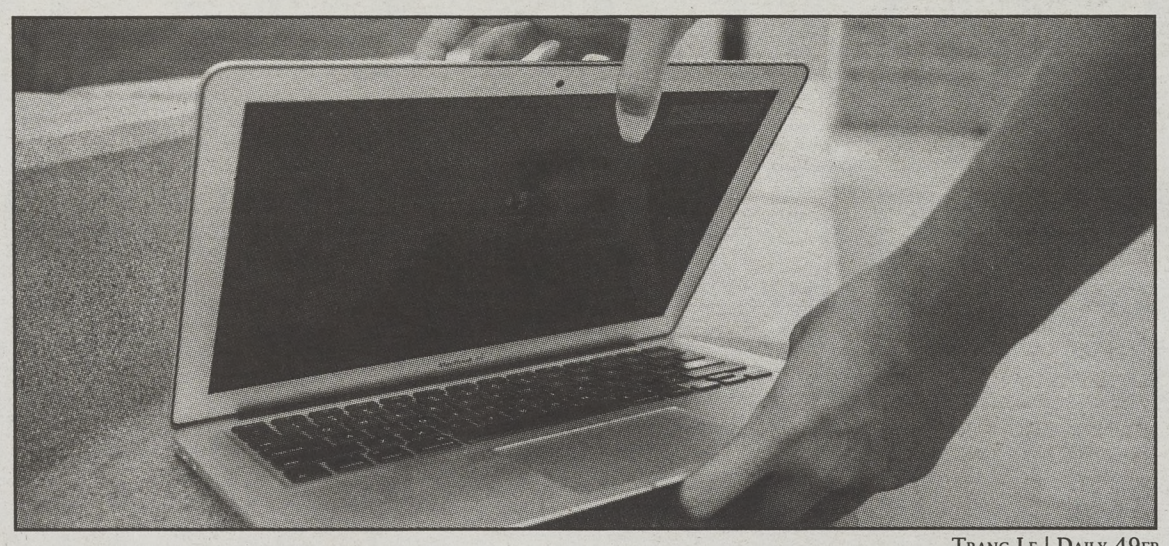
CSULB Police tracking tech theives

Stolen laptops are mostly tracked and returned to the proper owners, according to the University Police.

BY ROSS SIEV
Staff Writer



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The prime locations for pety thefts of electromics at California State University, Long Beach are the libraries, classrooms and cafeterias, Lt. Richard Goodwin of the University Police said.

Thieves lifting laptops at California State University, Long Beach may be finding it hard to keep up the crimes, according to University Police.

Due to advancements in tracking technology, laptop thefts within the past school year have dropped, said Lt. Richard Goodwin of the University Police. In the last year alone, all but one laptop reported stolen was returned to its rightful owner, Goodwin said.

"We have had students who have taken a laptop," Goodwin said. "The belief in this is that it may not be pre-meditated where they go out specifically to find a laptop. It may be, say, a crime of opportunity, where they just see a laptop and they're like 'Oh!' and they lift it."

Electronic tracking can locate a computer's signal through the device's unique Internet Protocol address, Goodwin said.

He also said that often times, students who report lost electronics usually either just forgot about the devices or assumed that someone else was looking out for it.

"Essentially, an item left unattended or unsecured can potentially become of interest to a thief," Goodwin said. "Anywhere can be a potential [location] for theft."

The top three areas that pose a risk for electronics theft are libraries, classrooms and cafeterias, but other locations should not necessarily be considered "safe," Goodwin noted.

"What will happen with the cafeteria area is that students will come in to eat and they leave their belongings outside as they go in, and so they just have the stuff sitting there," Goodwin said.

Goodwin said that even cars can be danger zones, and that "the bad guys know" when students attempt to hide their valuables by "placing a sweater" over it.

"Laptop victims should be responsible for their laptops," said Patrick Ly, a senior computer science major at CSULB. "If they go to the restroom, they should take it with them. They should have some sort of responsibility."

Susan Ransom, a support services supervisor at CSULB, said that University Police are notified when important items such as laptops, tablets, cellphones, wallets and bicycles are found, and that they then attempt to find the original owners.

Items not returned to the owners within three months become eligible to be auctioned off at an annual auction, Ransom said. This year's auction was held last Thursday, where two laptops and three tablets turned into the school's Lost and Found were sold off in a live auction, said David Pedersen, student assistant to the property clerk.

According to Goodwin, within the past year, the combined value of the estimated laptop loss totaled more than $10,000.

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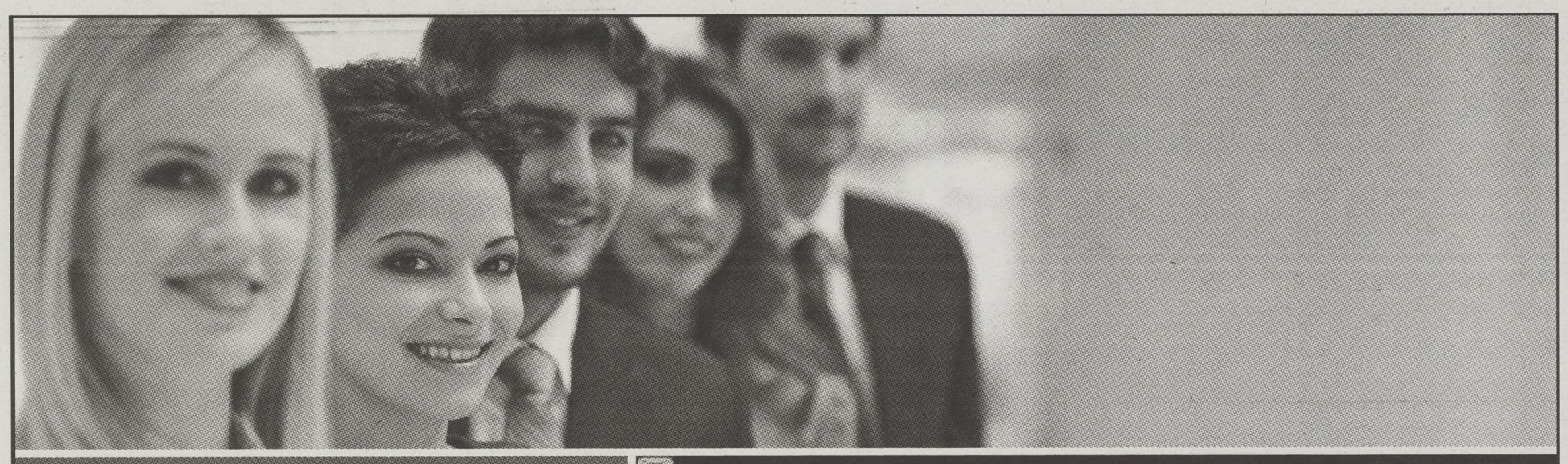

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be important as a public defender because maybe if my client tells me something that I don't like... my obligation is to always defend and protect them... I think that mindset is going to help me a lot in this position."

Gardner has been involved with the Mock Trial club at CSULB for the past two years.

She said that she has wanted to be a lawyer since her junior year of high school when she participated in a Pathways to Law program and Mock Trial.

"We have little placards in our halls that say things like: who's your favorite superhero? And I'm like: Olivia Benson," Gardner said. "I've been watching [Law & Order: Special Victims Unit] since middle school, so I realized I was already fascinated with that whole process."

Still unsure of the field she wants to focus on, Gardner plans to continue on to law school after graduating from CSULB.

She said that she hopes to help be a bridge for ASI to have more connections in the dorm community.

Miriam Hernandez, ASI vice president, broke a tie in the public defender election by voting for Gardner over sophomore Vrinda Bhuta. One of the reasons Hernandez chose Gardner was due to the fact that she is an RA.

"I think Yasmeen would do an excellent job, [what] with being a RA," Hernandez said. "I feel like because she's there with the students all the time, we need that. We need that liaison between housing and ASI, since we don't have any communication with them, and I think she would be perfect for that."

Gardner said that the public defender position has not been very busy in past years due to the fact that not many students know that they have someone available to help them.

"I just want to let people know that, please never hesitate to call me, email me, whatever, because I'm only here for other people and that's the best experience I'm going to get, by helping others," Gardner said. "So, I need some cases, so I can get some experience and defend them to the best of my ability."

News in brief

Long Beach fixes pet overpopulation

By Nicca Panggat
News Editor

Long Beach pet owners will be required to spay or neuter any dogs six months or older by Oct. 1, according to a press release by the city.

The new neutering law aims to reduce the number of unwanted pets around the city with a goal of establishing Long Beach as "pet-friendly," the statement said.

"Long Beach has made great strides in educating pet owners," said Vice Mayor Suja Lowenthal in the press release. "And this ordinance is an important part of our ongoing efforts to be the safest large city for people and pets."

Dogs with a valid license from Long Beach Animal Care Service prior to Oct. 1 are exempt from the mandatory neutering law as long as the license is kept current.

Alongside the ordinance, Long Beach City Council also voted to waive all late fees associated with pet licenses in an effort to encourage pet owners to maintain updated licenses.

Long Beach Mayor Robert Garcia said in a statement that licensed pets are reunited faster with their owners and even eligible for a free ride home the first time they are found.

"I will continue to champion that responsible neighbors, in this case responsible pet owners, should be able to maintain their status," said Councilwoman Stacy Mungo in the press release. "If you have an intact pet, as long as your license doesn't lapse, you will be able to maintain your existing status."

The amnesty lasts until Sept. 30, after which all related fees will be re-instated, according to the press release.

Violations of the new law are subject to $100-500 in fines.

Lost and never found

By Erik Ohrstrom
Staff Writer

Students at California State Unviersity, Long Beach gave some lost items a new home at the annual Lost and Found Auction, held Thursday on the Friendship Walk in front of the University Student Union.

Ellie Christov, the director of the CSULB Support Services Department, has been part of the university's auction for many years. The event is an opportunity to recycle and to help students who live on a budget, Christov said.

The profits made at the auction are very minimal and go toward supporting the event itself, Christov said.

"It is good for the students, the staff faculty and the surrounding community," said Gary Corbin, a clerk at the CSULB Lost and Found Department. "They put all the items back into reuse. It does not end up in a landfill or anything like that. I think repurpose is the right word."

The items that could be found at the auction ranged from things as little as key rings to skateboards, bicycles, electronic gadgets and a microwave.

Christov said that despite the eight Lost and Found stations on campus, most items never end up being claimed by their rightful owner. Christov said that the department holds on to the items for at least three months before they are sold at the auction.

"The lost and found office makes attempts to contact students for lost items if we have a way of knowing who they belong to," Christov said. "But we rarely have anyone claim an item at the auction."

One of the programs put in place to help return lost or stolen goods is the university's bicycle registration system. CSULB University Police introduced bike registration as a way for students to keep track of their bikes while simultaneously making things easier for the Lost and Found department to return stolen bikes to their owners.

Kasich backs Obama on bringing Syrian refugees to US

Republican presidential candidate John Kasich said Sunday that he supports President Barack Obama's plan to admit at least 10,000 Syrian refugees to the U.S. over the next year.

"It's very important that we don't let anybody infiltrate who's part of a radical group," Kasich said. "But America needs to be part of this solution."

The U.S. also could provide logistical support and humanitarian aid, Kasich said. The prospect of increasing asylum-seekers has been a delicate issue for U.S. politicians.

Donald Trump, the current Republican front-runner, has said he reluctantly agrees that the U.S. needs to try to help.

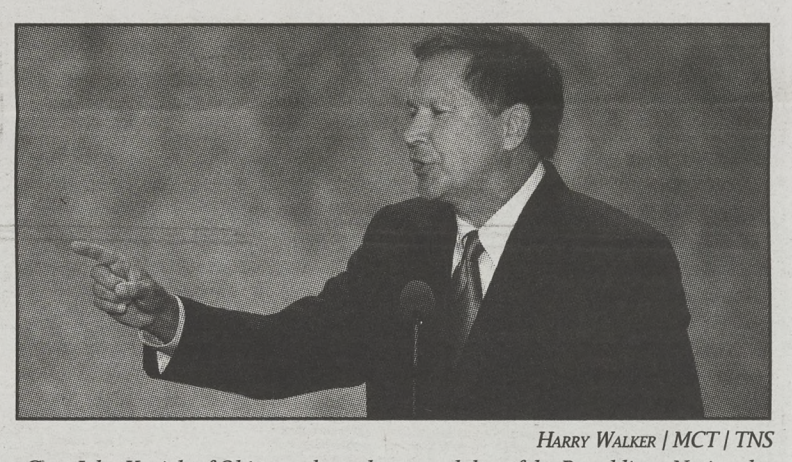
"I hate the concept of it, but on a humanitarian basis, you have to," Trump said Sept. 1. Kasich, on "Fox News Sunday," expressed opposition to a government shutdown that may be looming. Current government funding expires Sept.

30 Congress hasn't yet enacted any of the 12 annual spending bills for the next fiscal year.

Potential defunding of Planned Parenthood service, has emerged as a key demand by some conservative lawmakers in exchange for agreeing to not close the government down.

"Planned Parenthood ought to be defunded," Kasich said. However, if the government is shut down, "you're never going to get anything signed by the president because he's in total opposition. So you'd shut the government down, and then over time you'd have to open it back up again and you wouldn't have achieved much."

A Sept. 6 NBC News/Marist poll showed Kasich, with 12 percent, running in second place in New Hampshire behind Trump, who had 28 percent.



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Gov. John Kasich of Ohio speaks at the second day of the Republican National Convention in Tampa, Florida, Tuesday, August 28, 2012.

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— Ian Katz, Bloomberg News

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Lucha Libre hits MoLAA

Live Mexican wrestling comes to Long Beach for the weekend.

By Kevin Flores
Arts & Life Editor

Six men in technicolor masks—known as luchadores—fought in an epic battle of good versus evil at the Museum of Latin American Art in Long Beach on Friday evening. The two-hour bout coincided with an exhibit of Lucha Libre-inspired artwork by Sergio Arau, the director of "A Day Without A Mexican."

Lucha Libre is much more than high-flying wrestlers duking it out in a four-cornered ring. The spectacle has become deeply embedded in Mexican culture. It's at once corporeal and symbolic, bloody and cathartic, the fights have served as an unquenchable source of imagination and inspired creativity that transcends the limits of the ring, according to MoLAA.

A tequila tasting and a marketplace full of vendors were also part of the event. In addition, attendees had a chance to meet the wrestlers and take their photos with the masked men in spandex. Although the Lucha Libre was a one-night only event, Arau's exhibit will be on display through Sept. 27.

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Top, two wrestlers fight for the win at La Lucha de las Máscaras Friday at Long Beach, California at the Museum of Latin American Art. Left, kids enjoy the show in front of the line at La lucha de las Máscaras. Above, Olivia García and Ashley Lopez get ready to enjoy La Lucha de las Máscaras wrestling show at a face painting tent.

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Long Beach puts out a 'Do not disturb' sign

Community event spreads awareness about abuses faced by women in the hotel industry.

BY JORDAN DANIELS
Staff Writer

For most, pillowcases bring to mind a comfortable, safe place. But for women in the hotel industry, they can be a reminder of hours of work, sometimes in unfair working conditions and the possibility of assault or abuse.

On Friday, Long Beach coffee shop Viento Y Agua, in partnership with the Long Beach Coalition hosted "The Pillowcase Project." The Long Beach Coalition is an organization that is dedicated to creating equality in the workplace and establishing healthy communities.

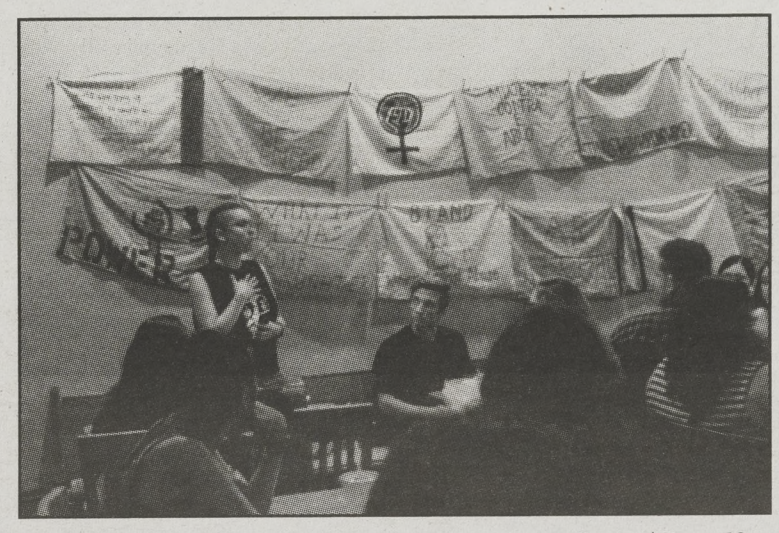
The movement was established to raise awareness about women who are abused in the service sector. The event featured a display of pillowcases with artwork and messages expressing support for female hotel workers.

"There's power within the art and art is often a medium of change," said Norberto Lopez, an organizer of the event.

An open mic was held and speakers, some of whom were hotel employees, touched on sensitive subjects such as physical and sexual abuse, as well as the poor working conditions that many women hotel workers face—grievances that often go without resolution.

According to a pamphlet published by the Long Beach Coalition, women make up 85 percent of housekeepers in the Long Beach tourism industry. Nationally, 82 percent of hotel employees have been subject to verbal aggression or incidents of customers and guests.

According to organizers, the project aims to change discussions into action by unionizing these "invisible" workers and pushing for laws that expand worker's rights. During the summer, approximately 500 supporters of the movement marched down Ocean Boulevard in Downtown Long Beach to pressure the city council into passing legislation that would create better working conditions for housekeepers in the hotel industry.



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Carla Camacho, senior studio art major and former hotel worker since she was 14 years old, stands up in front of politically inscribed pillowcases and speaks about how women can combat violence against women.

Some speakers told stories recounting abuse or harsh working conditions. One story in particular sparked an open dialogue between the organizers and the audience.

Rosa Casarrubias, a hotel server in Long Beach, said she was in a situation where she felt uncomfortable entering a guest's room after he invited her in while she was working. She was afraid to enter because she didn't know what could happen to her. "In his room, he's in control," she says in her story, written in the pamphlet.

Some speakers opened up about their experiences with rape and sexual assault, as well as instances when they're discriminated against as a result of microaggressions—words that are unintentionally discriminatory.

Tzitziqui Romero, sociology major at CSULB, shared her frustrations about being called "exotic" regularly in regards to her name and her appearance.

"My name shows my ancestry but it's not mainstream so it's not entirely accepted," Romero said. "When guys look at me and call me exotic, I know they're going to try and sleep with me. I'm more than just a piece of meat."

What began as an event raising awareness of abuse and unfair work for women in the hotel industry, turned into a night of catharsis as more and more speakers opened up about their experience with discrimination, sexual assault and abuse.

For the next month, pillowcases covered with drawings and words will decorate a wall of Viento Y Agua, a symbol of women's rights and a reminder to stand up against abuse and assault. One pillowcase in particular encapsulated the meaning of the event. It said: "Escucha Mi Voz" or "Hear My Voice."

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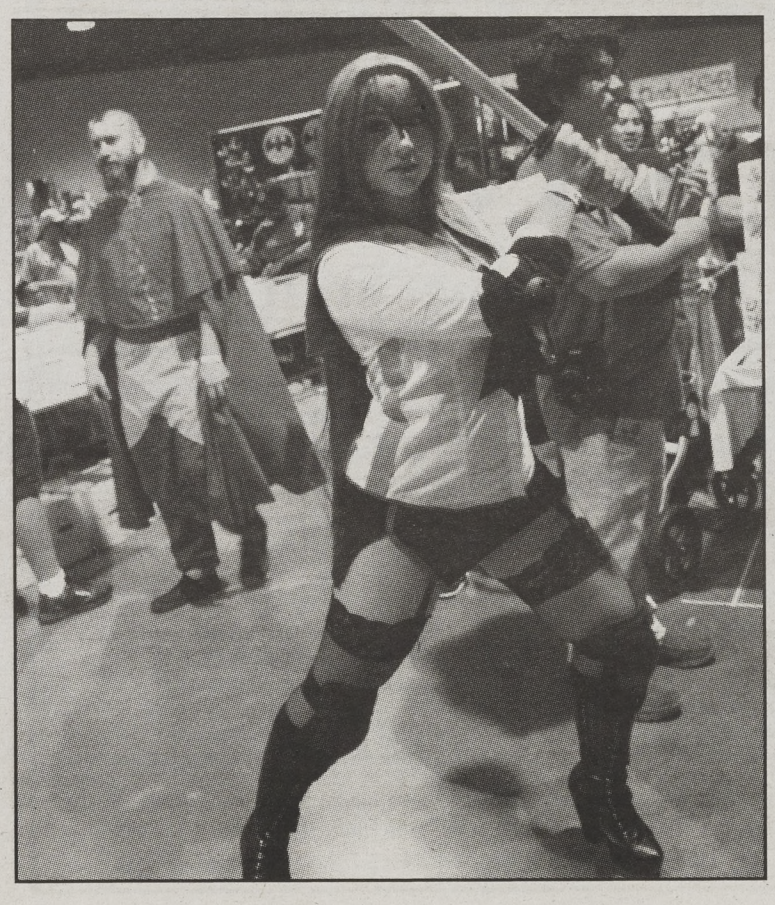
"Agent's of Shield" actor Chloe Bennet made a special guest appearance and presented the Comic Artist Badge to the Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles for completing workshops and tasks throughout the day.

"It was absolutely fabulous and her sentiment at the end, about really challenging and inspiring the girls to continue to be creative, really spoke to why we're here today," said Kenya Yarbrough, the Director of Marketing and Communications of Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles. It's showing the girls there are lots of opportunities out there and there are lots of careers they can follow."

Imagine an excited child leaving Long Beach Comic Con in awe of meeting Wonder Woman, that was the reality over the weekend and wrap to the two-day extravaganza.



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Above, The Joker and Harley Quinn pose by the 1967 Chevy Impala from Supernatural at Long Beach Comic Con Sunday. Left and right, Cosplayers hang outside the convention and show off their hand-made gender bent Harley Quinn and Joker cosplays.

Illustration by Emilio Aldea

FOOTBALL

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Adrian Peterson, Ray Rice, Tom Brady and Greg Hardy have all recently defeated the NFL in litigation, making the NFL 0-4 regarding disciplinary actions over the last year.

In the NFL, there is no independent advisory panel on discipline, and it's becoming increasingly clear that the NFL needs one who isn't Roger Goodell.

The NFL Players Association needs to take a hardline stance during the next round of Collective Bargaining Agreement negotiations in 2021 and demand that there both be a creation of an independent disciplinary panel that consists of league officials and player advocates, as well as an overhaul of the appeals process.

The overhaul process should also clearly remove Goodell from any dispute resolution duties, as it is an obvious conflict of interest when he has to rule on matters where there is not a free and open evidentiary discovery process.

This prevents the players who are in arbitration with Goodell from cross-examining investigators or challenging evidence, which is an obvious problem when it prevents your fans from watching the players they pay good money to see.

It's inappropriate to suggest that players like Rice, Peterson and Hardy shouldn't be punished, because it's clear that they've harmed people close to them and damaged their own image as well as the League's with their poor judgement.

The way Goodell has ruled on cases has largely been arbitrary and it's making him look more and more incompetent.

The end does not justify the means for Goodell, especially when the end product feels like a sham and the process to get there involves so much doublespeak and shady back alley investigating that you're not sure if Goodell is pulling an elaborate ruse to stay in the headlines throughout the off season or is just an insufferable tyrant.

Fire Kim Davis

Discrimination is not religious freedom.

by John Broadway
Staff Writer

If people expect to be able to enjoy religious freedom and practice their religion without interference from the government, then they need to respect the fact that religious beliefs should not interfere with government practices.

Kim Davis, a clerk for Rowan County, Kentucky, has the duty to issue marriage licenses. After the same-sex marriage Supreme Court ruling, Davis decided to stop issuing marriage licenses altogether so that she wouldn't have to issue a license to a same sex couple.

On June 26, the Supreme Court handed down a 5-4 decision in the Obergefell v. Hodges case, ruling that a ban on same-sex marriage violates the Due Process Clause and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment, effectively legalizing gay marriage nationwide.

Although the decision was celebrated among many Americans, many people with devout religious faith were upset, claiming the ruling will cause religious persecution. This claim lacks merit because the United States is a secular nation, which means that there is an intentional separation of church and state, so the government cannot interfere with purely religious functions and force a priest or minister to wed a gay couple.

This separation of church and state that protects Christians and their practices also protects the rights of gay couples seeking equal rights.

Davis said that she was acting under God's authority, and noted that her strong religious convictions would not allow her to issue these licenses to gay couples in good conscience. She also would not let any of her deputy clerks issue the licenses in her stead.

This led to a federal judge ordering her to either comply with the Supreme Court ruling or go to jail.

Davis chose the latter.

She is in jail, still collecting compensation for duties that she is not fulfilling. Usually someone would be considered heroic for choosing to follow his or her conscience, even if that meant going to jail.

But here's why that isn't the case here.

As a government employee, it is wrong for Davis to impose her religious beliefs upon others who are born with the inalienable right to choose not to follow those religious beliefs. If her convictions held that strong to then she should have resigned and found another job because her duty as county clerk requires that she carry out the will of the government, and not her religion.

The problem is that Davis is treating the Bible like a discount buffet at county line, opting for the trendier entrées, rather than adhering to the good gospel to the T.

The bible has numerous verses condemning divorce, yet Davis in fact has three divorces under her belt. I wonder how she'd feel if she had been denied that federal right by a Christian county clerk adamantly against divorce.

Obviously it's not fair because as a government employee you must respect the separation of church and state.

Furthermore, Davis' religious imposition is discriminatory towards a group of people. Our society has accepted the fact that it's wrong to discriminate against others for being born with an attraction to the same sex.

So, why can't those with devout religious faith accept that it's wrong to discriminate against someone for this, and stop using the bible verse condemning homosexuality as a reason to discriminate?

Leviticus 9:12 states that anything in the water not containing fins or scales are detestable and should not be eaten. So why is it that Christians never protest against seafood restaurants serving shellfish and other "detestable animals?" Same principles should apply.

Davis and other religious people's selective honoring of bible verses is troubling and unfair, especially when people like Davis use this as an excuse to violate the separation of church and state, imposing their religion upon others, and denying people the unalienable right of equality.

Letter to the Editor

In the article "Our View: CSULB should ban the smoking ban" the Daily 49er staff argued that the ban on tobacco that the university plans to implement next academic year tramples the rights of college smokers.

Access to a healthy living environment is a fundamental human right, according to the United Nations. Smoking infringes upon that right because it creates secondhand smoke, which causes serious health problems for innocent people.

The president's plan to ban smoking from campus by fall 2016, should be implemented immediately and without regard for the human chimneys that pollute our air and endanger our health with secondhand smoke.

Secondhand smoke is just as unhealthy as smoking, which causes more deaths than HIV, illegal drug use, alcohol use, motor-vehicle injuries and firearm-related incidents combined, according to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention. Smoking also causes stroke and heart disease and can cause cancer anywhere in the body.

Non-smokers who inhale secondhand smoke are exposed to many of the same poisons and cancer-causing substances as smokers, even if briefly exposed, according to the CDC. About 34,000 non-smokers die prematurely every year from heart disease caused by secondhand smoke.

In children, secondhand smoke causes asthma, respiratory infections, ear infections and sudden infant death syndrome.

California State University, Fullerton saw the light when it became the first smoke-free CSU in 2013. CSUN went smoke-free this fall. Other Southern California schools such as San Diego State University, University of California, Los Angeles and University of California, Riverside also have smoke-free campuses.

Secondhand smoke is deadly and violates our basic human rights to live in a clean and healthy environment. It's time we joined our more enlightened CSU and UC brethren and banned smoking from our campus.

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WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

49ers make it six straight

LBSU brings out the brooms against Central Arkansas and Oakland.

The Long Beach State women's volleyball team extended its winning streak to six games by beating Central Arkansas on Saturday night at the Walter Pyramid.

LBSU (8-2) took all three sets, 25-16, 25-21 and 25-23, to sweep the Sugar Bears. Even though the 49ers completed their weekend objective, sophomore middle blocker Ashley Murray said there is still a lot of room for improvement.

"Right now we're just happy that we're winning games, especially with the rotation change," Murray said. "We weren't expecting having a tough time trying to get these wins, and it has been rough along the road. Like, certain games we should have won 3-0 and we won going to four or five sets."

Murray led the offensive attack for the 49ers in the final match of the LBSU/LMU Mizuno Invitational. The reigning Big West freshman of the year finished with 12 kills and a .526 hitting percentage.

Junior outside hitter Nele Barber was a force in the frontcourt and stymied Central Arkansas's offense. The Berlin native recorded her fourth straight double-double, contributing 10 kills on offense and scooping up 12 digs on defense.

LBSU dominated the first set, quickly going up 3-0 and finished the set with a productive .500 hitting percentage. After jumping out to a 10-point lead, freshman outside hitter Carly Beddingfield closed out the first set with a kill set up by senior Jenelle Hudson.

Hudson guided the 49ers offense over the weekend recording a total of 163 assists. Like Murray, Hudson believes the 49ers still have a lot of "little things" that they can work on.

"We came out strong [against Central Arkansas] but there is still a lot of places to improve," Hudson said. "We have a big weekend next weekend, we have a lot to do."

In the second set LBSU continued its dominance and jumped out to a quick 8-1 lead. Freshman libero Mykah Wilson delivered a big block midway through the set, which gave the 49ers a 9-3 lead.

The Sugar Bears (2-7) chipped into the lead, but couldn't hold off LBSU's offense, which connected on half of its hitting attempts.

"LBSU is a very strong team that kept the pressure on, they made adjustments to the adjustments we were making," Central Arkansas head coach Jeni Jones said. "They made those a lot quicker than we did."

Coming off a competitive set, the Sugar Bears were ahead for most of the third set. Down 23-21, the 49ers had to come-from-behind to take the set.

A leg-kicking dig by Barber helped LBSU's cause and helped the momentum swing back to The Beach.

Back-to-back Central Arkansas errors on offense gave the set and match to the 49ers.

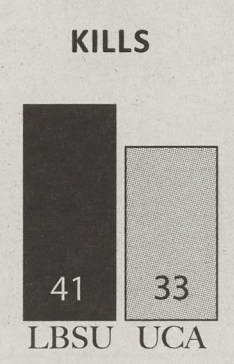
LBSU started off its weekend with a come from behind win against Loyola Marymount. LMU took the first two sets, but the 49ers quickly turned the page and took three consecutive sets, winning 25-22, 26-24 and 15-12.

LBSU returned to the Walter Pyramid and beat Oakland University (Rochester, Michigan) in four sets on Friday night. Senior setter Jenelle Hudson led The Beach's offense setting up 45 assists, while contributing seven kills and seven digs.

The 49ers return to action on Friday against the University of San Diego at 11:30 a.m. and No. 17 UCLA at 7:30 p.m. at the Walter Pyramid.

BY THE NUMBERS

	LBSU	UCA
G1	25	16
G2	25	21
G3	25	23



LBSU
NELE BARBER

TOP PERFORMERS

LBSU	UCA
10 kills	11 kills
12 digs	7 digs
26 Assists	30 Assists

UCA
HEATHER SCHNARS

CROSS COUNTRY

LBSU runs at Riverside

Juniors Kathleen Dunne and Kevin Ramirez led their teams on Saturday.

BY JOSH BARAJAS
Sports Editor

The Long Beach State men's cross-country team earned another top-5 finish in the 8K at the UC Riverside Invitational on Saturday.

The 49er men finished in fifth place while the women's team finished ninth in the 6K.

Junior Kathleen Dunne led her team for the second week in a row, clocking in at 21 minutes and 30.3 seconds to finish 17th overall. Junior Kevin Ramirez led the men's team with a time of 24:42.9, the 16th best overall time at the UCR Invitational.

The LBSU cross-country team will take next weekend off before traveling to Falcon Heights, Minnesota for the Roy Griak Invitational on Sept. 26.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

The Beach winless in LA

BSU picked up a loss and a draw this weekend in Los Angeles.

BY JOHN BROADWAY
Staff Writer

The 23rd ranked LBSU women's soccer team had a scoreless road trip in Los Angeles as they fell to LMU 1-0 in overtime on Friday and ended with a 0-0 draw against USC on Sunday.

The 49ers (4-2-2) entered the game against Loyola Marymount (5-2-0) having not allowed a goal since Aug. 28; 301 scoreless minutes of play by LBSU opponents. LMU outshot the 49ers 7-2 in the second half, but junior goalkeeper Ashton McKeown's three saves managed to extend the scoreless streak to 391 minutes.

The streak ultimately came to an end when Lions forward Jill Farley scored the golden goal off a corner kick in the 98th minute, giving LBSU its first loss since Aug. 23.

The 49ers then played at USC (3-3-1) on Sunday. The Trojans managed to take 23 total shots in the game, but McKeown's five saves kept USC off the board.

LBSU and USC ended regulation tied at zero, making it the 49ers' fifth overtime game of the year. The two teams remained tied to end the game in a draw moving LBSU's record to 1-2-2 in overtime matches.

The 49ers will head to Ohio next to take on Cincinnati on Thursday at 2 p.m.

MEN'S WATER POLO

49ers go 2-1 on the road

Despite falling to the Bruins, the 49ers picked up two wins in an exhibition tournament.

BY JOSH CAUDILL
Staff Writer

The Long Beach State men's water polo team lost against No. 1 UCLA, falling 13-4 in an exhibition match as part of the UCLA Invitational on Saturday.

The 49ers (2-2) managed to bounce back and come away with wins against No. 7 UC Santa Barbara and No. 8 Pepperdine later in the day. Game two of the invitational was a re-match with UCSB, which handed LBSU a 7-6 loss last week.

LBSU got its revenge against the Gauchos, taking the game by a score of 11-8. Freshman Max Cusator carried the 49ers with a hat trick and freshman Troy Kaltenbach added two goals in the win.

LBSU then beat the Waves of Pepperdine 15-7 to end the invitational. The 49ers crushed Pepperdine in a game that was never close. Senior Josh Tice and sophomore Duncan Lynde combined for 7 goals, which matched Pepperdine's total goals scored.

The 49ers will head up to Palo Alto on Saturday to take on UC San Diego and other opponents to be determined as part of the NorCal Tournament. The game against the Tritons is set for 12:15 p.m.

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